

Bushrangers & Ned Kelly — Knowledge Organiser

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Key facts

- Bushrangers were outlaws who robbed travellers and banks in the Australian bush in the 1800s.
- The most famous was Ned Kelly, who wore home-made iron armour.
- Kelly was captured and hanged in 1880.
- Some saw him as a dangerous criminal; others as a folk hero who stood up to authority.

Key vocabulary

- Bushranger — an armed robber living in the bush.
- Outlaw — someone who breaks the law and is on the run.
- Armour — protective metal covering.
- Folk hero — an ordinary person admired in popular stories.

Hero or villain?

Ned Kelly remains one of Australia's most argued-about figures. To some he was a violent criminal; to others, a poor man fighting unfair treatment. Historians weigh the evidence rather than just the legend.

Fact vs legend

Many stories grew up around Kelly after his death. Good history means asking which parts are proven and which are myth.